Hawkins Thomas F. Form 4 February 25, 2019

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Add Hawkins Tho	*	ting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
			Diamondback Energy, Inc. [FANG]	(Check all applicable)				
(Last) (First) (Mide		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction					
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner				
500 WEST TEXAS AVENUE, SUITE 1200 (Street)			02/21/2019	X Officer (give title Other (special below) Sr. VP - Land				
			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
MIDLAND,	ΓX 79701		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acc	quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned				

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S	Title of ecurity (nstr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			d of (D)		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
	Common tock	02/21/2019		A	3,898 (1)	A	\$0	10,983	D	
	Common tock	02/22/2019					\$ 102.14		D	
	Common tock	02/22/2019		F	359 (3)	D	\$ 102.14	9,676	D	
	Common tock	02/22/2019		F	312 (4)	D	\$ 102.14	9,364	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Amou Under Secur	unt of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo
					(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number		Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Hawkins Thomas F.

500 WEST TEXAS AVENUE, SUITE 1200

Sr. VP - Land

MIDLAND, TX 79701

Signatures

/s/Teresa L. Dick, as attorney-in-fact for Thomas F. Hawkins

02/25/2019

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- These securities are performance-based restricted stock units for the performance period from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2018 that were granted under the issuer's equity incentive plan on February 16, 2017. All of these performance-based restricted stock units vested as of December 31, 2018 upon certification by the issuer's compensation committee of the applicable performance conditions on February 21, 2019.
- The issuer withheld shares of common stock that would have otherwise been issuable to the reporting person to satisfy the issuer's tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting and settlement of the performance-based restricted stock units granted on February 16, 2017 and vested upon certification by the issuer's compensation committee on February 21, 2019. The number of shares of common stock withheld was determined based on the closing price per share of the issuer's common stock on February 22, 2019.
- (3) The issuer withheld shares of common stock that would have otherwise been issuable to the reporting person to satisfy the issuer's tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting and settlement on February 22, 2019 of the third tranche of the time-based

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restricted stock units granted to the reporting person on February 16, 2017. The number of shares of common stock withheld was determined based on the closing price per share of the issuer's common stock on February 22, 2019.

The issuer withheld shares of common stock that would have otherwise been issuable to the reporting person to satisfy the issuer's tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting and settlement on February 22, 2019 of the second tranche of the time-based restricted stock units granted to the reporting person on February 13, 2018. The number of shares of common stock withheld was determined based on the closing price per share of the issuer's common stock on February 22, 2019.

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